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Service Date: November 23, 1981

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER of the Application) of the Belle Creek Gas Cooperative) Association For an Order Authoriz-) ing An Increase In Rates for Natural) Gas Service.

UTILITY DIVISION DOCKET NO. 81.10.89 ORDER NO. 4846a

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On October 2, 1981, the BELLE CREEK GAS COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION (Applicant) filed an application with the Montana Public Service Commission for an order to authorize an increase in rates for natural gas service to defray the increased cost of purchased gas. Along with that application was a request for an interim rate increase.
- 2. On October 14, 1981, the Commission authorized an interim increase and Interim Order No. 4846 was issued.
- 3. A Notice of Opportunity For Public Hearing was issued to each consumer of the Applicant.
- 4. Protests and/or requests for hearing were due by November 17, 1981.
- 5. No protests nor requests for hearing were received and no hearing was scheduled.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over parties and proceedings in this matter.
 - 2. The resulting rate levels are reasonable and just.

ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, at a session of the Public Service Commission, Department of Public Service Regulation of the State of Montana, held in its offices at 1227 - 11th Avenue, Helena, Montana, on the 23rd day of November 1981, there being present a quorum of Commissioners, there came regularly before the Commission for final action the matters and things in Docket No. 81.10.89, and the Commission being fully advised in the premises;

IT IS ORDERED by the Commission the rates authorized by Order No. 4846 are hereby made permanent.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION by a 5-0 vote at a meeting of the Public Service Commission held in Helena, Montana on November 23, 1981.

BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

GORDON E. BOLLINGER, Chairman

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

CLYDE JARVIS, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Madeline L. Cottrill Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

NOTE: You may be entitled to judicial review of the final decision in this matter. If no Motion for Reconsideration is filed, judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review within thirty (30) days from the service of this order. If a Motion for Reconsideration is filed, a Commission order is final for purpose of appeal upon the entry of a ruling on that motion, or upon the passage of ten (10) days following the filing of that motion. cf. the Montana Administrative Procedure Act, esp. Sec. 2-4-702, MCA: and Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure, esp. 38.2.4806 ARM.